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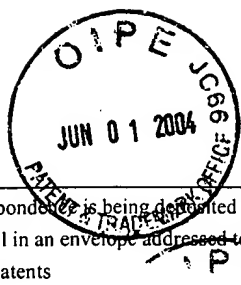
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that they be informed of the status of the above-referenced application. The last communication from the U.S. Patent Office was an Examiner Interview Summary Record mailed on December 17, 2003 after mailing of a non-final Office Action on June 17, 2003.

Applicants filed a Response to the outstanding non-final Office Action on December 17, 2003, and included a 3-month extension with that amendment. A copy of the Amendment of December 17, 2003 is attached to this Status Request, along with a copy of the date-stamped postcard indicating the Amendment was received by the Patent office on December 22, 2004.

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Applicants note that the P.A.I.R. data obtained from the USPTO website indicates that the status of this application as "non-final action mailed." As Applicants have filed a response to that non-final Office Action, Applicants request that the status of the application be updated and provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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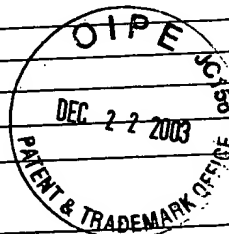
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